

**MAPLE RIDGE SANTA CLAUS PARADE**



Last Saturday-night, December 3rd, nine of our members participated in the Maple Ridge Santa Claus Parade, helping out the "Friends in Need Foodbank" to collect cash and food donations from the crowd.

Thanks to all these members and other volunteers we collected an enormous amount of food and cash, to be distributed before Christmas, right in our own Community, to families in need.



As a volunteer it was very heart-warming to experience how generous our Community reacts to the Annual plea of help from the Friend in Need Foodbank. Great to see little kids, putting in their own money.....there was a little girl, who had put all her pennies from her piggy-bank in a big bag and donated them and a little boy donating a toy he picked out himself and many stories like that.....



A very rewarding experience, one that makes you feel "warm and fuzzy" inside, one that makes you feel proud to be a Rotarian, one that makes you feel thankful for all we have.....hope to see all Rotarians come out to help next year!!

submitted by Ineke Boekhorst



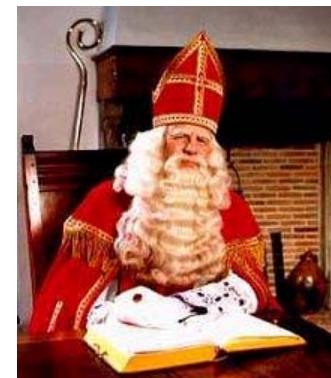
# The Four Way Flasher

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### INVOCATION

<b>Dec. 06</b>	Sandy Wakeling	<b>Dec. 13</b>	Laurie Anderson
<b>Jan. 10</b>	Janice Armstrong	<b>Jan. 17</b>	Liz Attarmigirian

### BINGO SCHEDULE

	<b>6:15-8:15</b>	<b>8:00-10:00</b>
<b>Dec. 29</b>	Mina Park	Liz Attarmigirian
<b>Jan. 26</b>	Janice Armstrong	Vivian Hatiras

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**SERVICE Above Self**

## No regular meeting on Dec. 20 and 27 and Jan. 3

**TODAY'S PROGRAM:** AGM and Election of Officers 2006/2007

**NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM:** Eric Wright – Outbound Student 2004/05 to France

### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Dec. 20		Christmas Party	Robson's,
Dec. 27		Regular Meeting Cancelled!	
Jan. 3	noon	Visit to Mission Mid-day Rotary	Bellevue Hotel, 32998 1st Ave, Mission
Jan. 7	8am-2pm	Potential Rotary Leadership Seminar	Sunrise Banquet Centre 5640-188 St., Surrey

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$630+ 1/2 of today's sales, 31 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

## LAST WEEKS MEETING

This year at our annual Christmas Party we will not be exchanging gifts. Instead we are asking each Rotarian to consider donating \$20 to the Theatre Angel Christmas Tree so that those less fortunate can enjoy the entertainment presented by the ACT. If you would like to donate to this please speak to either Debbie McRae or Janice Armstrong.

Also it was announced that this year we have already met and exceeded our Foundation commitment and in fact have donations totalling \$6,604. Congratulations to all who donated and to Vladimir and his committee who inspired us.

Anil proposed the Rotary club should participate in the Husky Community Rebate Program. Each member would be given a card (several for family and friends if they would like) and all they need to do is when they purchase gas at Husky, have the card swiped and Husky will rebate 2% back to the club to use in community projects. *A motion was put on the floor to accept this program by Marco Terwiel, seconded by Doris Gagel and carried by majority vote.*



Our program today was two Who's Who speeches. One from incoming member Keith Vernon and one from Lynda Lawrence.

Keith Vernon is transferring to our club, but has been a Rotarian since 1978 and has extensive experience during those years. He has served as Club President twice, has chaired a District Conference, has been the ADG for Vernon area and has hosted students from various Rotary programs.

He was born & raised in Burnaby and has been married to his wife for over 30 years. They have two children, aged 21 and 25. He works at RBC and has for 38 years and will be retiring in the next few months. But until retirement he will be working at the Haney Branch. He looks forward to his membership here and I am sure will be as active in our club as he has been in the past.

Lynda Lawrence was born in Surrey from immigrant parents who arrived in Quebec from the UK in the early 50's. Her father passed on while she was still quite young and her grandparents assisted her mother in raising her. Her mother later met and married a good-looking Australian and little Lynda was thrilled. They spend a good deal of time in Hawaii in her youth and she intends to retire there in the future.

Lynda began her career in Hotel Mgmt at the age of 17 and must have been good at it as she was the Assistant Manager at the Glacier Park Lodge by the time she was 19. This well educated lady has her Real Estate Brokers license, completed a four year program on Urban Land, graduating with a diploma in Real Estate Management. She began her own business "Lone Palm" and did \$2 million dollars in real estate in her first year.

Lynda enjoys travelling in her off time, which can't be very much of it as she is a member of the Friends in Need Food Bank, the Secretary/Treasurer for the MR Downtown Parking Society and MR Downtown Property Owners Association. She was also formerly a director of Adopt-A-Block and the Homeshow Society. She became involved with Rotary on the sidelines to start by helping Gord with the Sports Banquet in 1992. She loved that so joined the club in 1994. She is content in her new 2 bedroom apartment by the river and is ruled by the 3 cats who let her stay with them.

Submitted by Debi Pearce

## HOST FAMILIES FOR EXCHANGE STUDENT

As you all know we are looking for 4 host Families for our incoming exchange Student.

The perfect situation would be to have Children (young or old) still living at home with you so these Kids can get a good feeling on how the Canadian Family operates, (for those of you who have no Kids left at home this will be a good opportunity to do some more Mothering)

they should be treated as a Family member ( not a guest ) and be included in all your family get togethers and also some small chores, clearing or setting the Table keep their Bedroom clean and the occasional Baby sitting if you have children at home won't hurt.

It is also important that the 4- Families get together and make sure that they all agree on the rules these Kids have to go by, treat them like your own, I am sure your own Kids did not always like the rules but that's life, and to let them come and go as they please does not work it will only make it harder for the next Family.

Also I am sure if it was your Child being hosted in a foreign Country you would feel better if you knew that he or she is looked after .

These Kids are all very clever and can be quite the little manipulators it is therefore very important that the Families are agreeable and support each other by enforcing the rules.

It is a great experience to host a student and one forms live long friendships Ted & I have hosted 8 students in the past and we are still in contact with 6-of them and had quite a few come back to visit we are Canadian Grandparents to 4 Japanese Children, and this week we got a letter telling us that Yuko (our first Rotary student) is expecting her first child in January/ 06 , and I am sure once the Babe has arrived a visit won't be far off.

We do need **4 Families** 3-month per Family any longer is not advisable because it is way to hard to let them go when the time comes depending on the student one can form extremely strong bonds with these Kids and it can be heartbreaking when they leave to go Home.

**Please consider hosting**, you will find it rewarding and at times somewhat challenging but all in all it is a great experience. Please let Doris know before year end if you can help out or not. Phone: 604-462-8851

Yours in Rotary, Doris

## HOSPICE CASH CALENDAR DECEMBER WINNERS

1	\$20	MARK BORGEAU	DELTA	16	\$20	HATALIE HARTLEY	COQUITLAM
2	\$20	ALLISON MAXWELL	M.R.	17	\$20	AARON NIKANIUK	M.R.
3	\$20	CINDI NAWYN	P.M.	18	\$20	CHELSEA TYLER	MISSION
4	\$20	GUY CHERVENKA	MISSION	19	\$20	BUB TEIDEMAN	P.M.
5	\$20	MICHELLE KIBBLE	BARRIER	20	\$20	ANNA MISA	N. VANC.
6	\$20	GORDY ROBSON		21	\$20	WILMA PETTIT	M.R.
7	\$20	JUDY STEDMAN	VANC.	22	\$20	FAYE ISAAC	M.R.
8	\$20	LINDA HARRINGTON	M.R.	23	\$20	BRUCE JOHNSTON	POCO
9	\$20	RUSS HARGITT	M.R.	24	\$20	YOUNG-IM CHANG	M.R.
10	\$20	HELEN RANKIN	M.R.	25	\$250	JOYCE CHING	P.M.
11	\$20	AL & OLGA JOHNSON	M.R.	26	\$20	BARB FENSOME	CHILLIWACK
12	\$20	BILL & PAT HANNA	P.M.	27	\$20	ELVA SPROUT	POCO
13	\$20	DAWN BURNETT	P.M.	28	\$20	V. HAND	M.R.
14	\$20	CECILE CHAMPAGNE	COQUITLAM	29	\$20	BRYAN HUTTON	M.R.
15	\$20	WALTER VOLPATTI	M.R.	30	\$20	NADINE SANDS	M.R.
				31	\$250	DONNA LINN	M.R.